

Thursday evening. Each was played until 10 o'clock, after which supper was served. Prizes were won by Miss Agnes O'Neil, Miss Genevieve Moran and John Blum and Leon Lunn. Those present were:

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Among the events in society this past week was the reception and dance given by the Violet Club to Miss Hilda Cohn of Milwaukee, Wis., at the Odessa. Among the many guests who participated were:

Misses—Frances Toman, Julia O'Connor, Nettie Trautman, Theresa Fox, Mabel Fox, Mary Roan, Nellie McKee, Minnie Kell, Stella Fox, Charlie Koken, Estelle Koken, Pearl Gerlach, Messieurs—Otto Moser, Gil Chapman, Val. Miltenberger, Louis Moser, John Zehn, Will Geier, Joe Kell, Will Geier, John Holkamp, Albert Nasse, John McCarthy, Fred. Bismarck, Carl Holkamp, G. O. Skinsay, Walter Wackerlin, Chester de Jong, Ed. Gerlach.

The M. C. Club gave its last ball of the season Tuesday evening, April 8. Among the guests were the following:

Misses—Marie Palmer, Indianapolis, Helen Cooper, Frances Allen, Estelle Mordock, George Hardin, Nell Martin, Lillian Garland, Rose Stat, Fred. Brown, Katherine Warwick, Jesse Penn, Mabel Hutchins, Alton Johnson, Blanche Miller, Grace Mulhorn of

Misses—Fred. Gerlach, O. M. Reed, Doctor. Wayland, J. D. Huch, E. M. Wilderman, Joe Clayton, Harry Belling, Wallace Pratt, E. H. Soud, H. C. King, Ella Schueddig, Mae Kelly, Frances Allen, George Hardin, Nell Martin, Lillian Garland, Rose Stat, Fred. Brown, Katherine Warwick, Jesse Penn, Mabel Hutchins, Blanche Miller, Grace Mulhorn of

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OTHELIA LANG, THE NEW CHURCH-CHOIR SINGER.



OTHELIA LANG.
The new soprano at the Second Baptist Church.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC.

The old saw that "it is better to be born lucky than rich" is aptly illustrated in the case of Miss Othelia Lang, the new soprano of the Second Baptist Church.

Two months ago Miss Lang was an unknown quantity in the music world of St. Louis. Today she is the solo soprano, engaged for a year, of a church that always had, and always aimed to have, the choir far excellence in the city. She is the daughter of Mrs. Georgia Lee Cunningham, for years the leading and highest salaried choir singer in St. Louis.

Struggled Along for Years.
The story of Othelia Lang is that of many struggling young women. She was born and reared in St. Louis. Her parents were Germans, in moderate circumstances. They loved music and imparted that heritage to their children. Othelia was the eldest and the first to receive instructions in music. The piano was chosen for her, although she had the voice of a bird and carried through the house in her merry childhood days.

By and by dark days came to the Langs. The father fell ill of consumption. To save his life, if not to restore his health, the family removed to Denver. They took all they possessed with them and devoted it to the restoration of the poor father's health. The sacrifice was in vain, for he died out there, among strangers, leaving his wife and daughters almost helpless.

From Denver the Langs came back to St. Louis. With that pluck and determination which makes heroines, though obscure ones, of weak women and tender girls, Miss Lang set out to give music lessons. She gathered her pupils from the middle-class denizens near her home, on St. Anne avenue, and out of that neighborhood, and with the proceeds she supported her mother, herself and her smaller sisters, sending the latter to schools and colleges. And all that before she was 20, for she is scarcely 22 now.

When the sorrow over her father's death softened and time tipped with healing finger the wounds of the bereaved, the clear, sweet, girlish voice began to ring out again, while she waited for her pupils to come for their lessons, or indulged in practice on her own account. With a little more prosperity, all due to her own energy, came the natural desire to cultivate that God-given voice and with the thought in mind,

day afternoon. Prizes were won by Misses. Flamminger, Wette and Salliday. Luncheon was served at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Wette assisted in the hostess. Decorations were in pink carnations and ferns.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Miss May Ellis departed to-day for a week's visit in Lebanon, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Barada have removed from the Franklin to the Monticello, where they will spend the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Kuhn, No. 307 Magnolia avenue; Colonel Paul E. Shinkle, Mrs. Shinkle and Miss Flora Shinkle, No.

she went to the late Charles Humphrey, who taught her for several months and pronounced her voice a phenomenal one. After the death of Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Clinton Elder, who followed the beloved young soprano in the choir in which he sang, took up Miss Lang and continued to teach her.

Lucky Star Begins to Shine.
The constellation of stars that brought her own little twinkling into within the sphere of Messrs. Humphrey and Elder developed most luckily for Miss Lang. When a vacancy in the Second Baptist choir occurred, the music authorities of the church were asked to sing before them. They were in a quandary. They sent for many well known choir singers, but satisfaction was not attained.

In sheer desperation Mr. Elder was asked one day if he had not a pupil who could temporarily fill the vacant place. He suggested Miss Lang, and with fear and trepidation on the part of the music authorities of the church she was asked to sing before them. Mr. E. Udel, the chairman of the Music Committee; the Reverend Doctor Boyd and Organist McIntyre gave the young singer a trial. It proved eminently satisfactory to them. Would it be so to the entire church?

Yes, it was. The mingled emotions depicted on the countenances of the worshippers as the glorious, ringing notes of the young singer reached far above those of her colleagues are better imagined than described. The experiment was so successful that after her first Sunday, a week ago, Miss Lang was engaged to fill the unexpired term, till May 1, and a new engagement for a year, which dates from May 1.

Old musicians marvel at the girl's courage and efficiency. She leads, unhesitatingly, and conscious only of her great good luck, the veterans who sing in the choir with her. Things are decidedly coming her way. Engagements for concerts are pouring in upon her, and the little obscure musician of St. Ange avenue, that she was a month ago, walks as in a maze, overcome with the grateful knowledge that the trammel of hardship has been lifted from her patient shoulders.

The young soprano of the Second Baptist Church is no great beauty, but she has not been treated stingily by nature, which gave her a good presence, an intelligent face, big blue eyes, which just now shine with the delight that has come into her young life, and abundant blond hair. The music critics of the town say that she is a second Terzina, and that her career, now that she has been raised from the obscure, is assured.

1205 St. Ange avenue, arrived home last week after a three months' tour of the Pacific Coast.

Judge and Mrs. Noah M. Givan of Hotel Berlin have gone for a short visit in Harrisonville.

Miss Olivia Feldman and Miss Ida Meisel have arrived to be the guests of Miss Schulte for several weeks.

Mrs. Morton Jordan and daughter of No. 479 Forest Park boulevard returned Wednesday from a fortnight's stay at French Lick Springs, Ind. Miss Jordan, who is recuperating from a recent illness,

was not greatly benefited by the trip, and is now confined to her home.

The Misses May and Fay Jarrett, who have been visiting at No. 465 Cook avenue, have returned to their home at Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. Charles C. Spalding of Lebanon, Ky., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Thomas Copple, of Wildwood.

St. Louis to Cincinnati take one of the three Big Four daily trains.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bannantine and son have returned from a tour through Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Davis have returned from a visit with friends in Georgia and are again at Hotel Berlin.

Miss Lois Pollock of No. 429 Washington boulevard is entertaining Mrs. Edward S. Halley of South McAlester, I. T.

Miss Matilda Prufrock has returned from Chicago after a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Egan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. L. Hiverville of Paris, who are visiting the city, are occupying apartments at Hotel Boers.

Miss Robb of Grey's Summit, Mo., is the guest of Miss Eleanor Callahan.

Mr. George R. Clark, No. 426 McPherson avenue, has returned to the city after a protracted sojourn in Philadelphia.

Telegraph your friends you will arrive in Cincinnati via Big Four route.

Mrs. Elsie Polk Morris has returned to Hotel Boers after spending a few weeks in Louisiana, the guest of friends.

Miss Anne Jordon of Palmyra, Mo., after spending the winter at Biloxi and Pensacola, is visiting Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, No. 2600 Morgan street.

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WEBSTER GROVES.
Miss Gussie Quarles is spending several weeks at Marshall, Mo., at the home of her uncle.

Mr. Frank Moody was at home last Sunday from Rich Hill, Mo.

Mr. A. L. Kendrick of Wichita visited her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Ramsey, this week.

Mrs. Francis C. Wood and daughter, Mrs. Richard Emory Woodson of Portland, Me., are visiting friends in St. Louis and Webster.

Mr. M. W. Warren departed Wednesday for New York, a telegram from Mr. Warren announcing that he will arrive there on the fifteenth, and will probably visit in Philadelphia before returning home.

Mr. French and his automobile were in evidence in Webster last Sunday.

The Monday Club meeting of the past week was in charge of the Science section. The paper by Mrs. Lewis Lay was on "Man's Conquest of Nature's Forces." It was followed by short papers on "The Story of Flame," Mrs. R. A. Quarles; "Photography," Mrs. W. A. Sisson; "Some Heroes of Science," Mrs. B. S. Adams; and "Some Recent Developments in the Field of Science," Mrs. E. H. Hallon. Mrs. Quarles' account of the transition from the tinder-box and candle days to our present system of lighting was most interesting by drawings, and by a relic in the shape of a model, in which her grandmother used formerly to make tapers.

Miss Genevieve Hussey of St. Louis sang at the Congregational Church last Sunday.

A concert will be given by James L. Blair and the Kirkwood Morning Choral, at Bristol Hall, the evening of April 24. The proceeds will be given to the Webster Public Library.

The choir of Emmanuel Church, under the direction of Mr. William M. Jenkins, will give Ashford's cantata, "The Easter Story," this evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Robert H. Woods and Mrs. C. W. Darby of St. Louis were visitors to Webster last Sunday.

The Monday Club is planning a fine programme for its annual educational meeting of April 22. Among the speakers will be Professor Krug of the Manual Training School, whose subject will be "Nature's Forces." Mrs. James L. Blair will give an account of her two branches of philanthropic musical work in St. Louis, and the Reverend C. L. Gloss will speak on some educational subjects. Emily Simmons, Lackland and some pianist will furnish the musical selections.

Mr. Joseph H. Kelly of Selma is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. Charles B. Cooke of Old Orchard has just returned from an extended trip.

Mrs. Gordon Land of Denver is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. B. Schuyler.

Miss Alice Metcalfe of Piquette, Ill., is visiting Mrs. Maud Campbell Dyer.

Mrs. William Milne, Miss Lillian and Miss Frank, who have been visiting friends in St. Louis since leaving Webster, finally left for New York Wednesday, stopping at Niagara on the way. Mr. Will Milne, with some friends in St. Louis.

Next Friday there will be an original poem social at the Congregational Church. A general invitation has been given to any one wishing to compete, to write an original poem, to be handed in anonymously, and read aloud with the others. The audience will vote on the best productions.

The Reading Circle met with Miss Alice Avery Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Foster Watling and family are newcomers in Old Orchard.

Mr. Lincoln M. Stearns and family of Old Orchard will move to St. Louis the 1st of May.

Mr. Louis Dietrich's family will move to St. Louis this month.

Mrs. J. B. Betts returned from Dallas Tuesday night.

A number of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyer at their home at Glenview Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McClure entertained for Mrs. Warren Simmons of Indianapolis. Those present were: Messrs. and Mrs. C. H. Ferguson, K. H. Holton, Charles Dyer, F. H. Gore and M. Hillman and H. C. Simmons; Messrs. Charles Clark, D. M. Skilling and Sinclair; Misses Katherine Avery, Bertha Simmons, Fannie Goodwin, Gertrude Brooks, Blanche Brooks, Eugene Brooks and Hattie Brooks.

Mrs. Clarence Clayton gave an afternoon for Mrs. Warren Simmons Thursday.

Mr. W. E. Sinclair of West Virginia is visiting in St. Louis. P. O. Vandeventer, H. C. Fairbrother, R. R. Thomas, E. T. Jones, M. D. Baker and Carol Wood.

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\$10.00 Silk Skirts..... **\$6.50**
\$12.50 Silk Skirts..... **\$8.50**
\$15.00 Silk Skirts..... **\$9.50**

Net Skirts.
Drop Lining..... **\$6.50**
\$12.50 Net Skirts..... **\$8.50**
\$15.00 Net Skirts..... **\$9.50**

Dress and Walking Skirts.
\$4.50 Walking Skirts..... **\$2.95**
\$5.50 Walking Skirts..... **\$3.95**
\$7.50 Dress Skirts..... **\$4.95**

Cloth Jackets.
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Silk Waists.
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\$8.50 Silk Waists..... **\$5.75**

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\$10.00 Silk Jackets..... **\$7.50**

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Miss Virginia McCann and Mr. Hathaway Simmons left for Indianapolis Monday.

Mrs. Fred Gore entertained for Mrs. Warren Simmons Wednesday afternoon. Those present were:

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